CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

INVOCATION:
Captain Bob Luangamoth of the Salvation Army gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Orach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarias, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Planning Manager Woods, Acting Fire Chief Jones, Utilities Engineer Kahn, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass, Police Chief Macagni, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LYNDA SNODGRASS
Mayor Lavagnino read Resolution No. 2009-142 recognizing and commending Lynda Snodgrass upon her retirement as Director of Administrative Services after five years of dedicated service and commitment to the City of Santa Maria and wishing her and her family continued good health and many years of happiness.

Resolution No. 2009-142 was adopted honoring Lynda Snodgrass on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarias, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2009-142 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA COMMENDING LYNDA SNODGRASS, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RETIREMENT.

Director Snodgrass stated it was a pleasure to serve the City for the last five years. She found challenges, interesting work, and diverse opportunities as well as support from the City Manager and his staff, camaraderie and great working relationships with the other Directors, and a staff of the brightest, best and hardest working employees in the City. She commended the six Division Managers in her department and all the employees of the department.

City Manager Ness thanked Lynda Snodgrass for the last five years of service. She has been a very dedicated and committed employee and a strong member of the management team. Most of the time Lynda was behind the scenes monitoring revenues and expenses to safeguard taxpayers' money. She oversaw 27 employees and ensured that vital services were delivered to the public. She promoted excellent customer service. He appreciated Lynda's superb stewardship of City finances. He congratulated her for her devoted service and wished her and her family continued good health and many years of happiness.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
Councilmember Cordero read a proclamation declaring the month of November 2009 as "National American Indian Heritage Month" in the City of Santa Maria and urging the residents to observe this month and participate in the appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. The proclamation was accepted by Ruth Jackson.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS MONTH
Councilmember Patino read a proclamation declaring the month of November 2009 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month" in the City of Santa Maria and urging the community to become educated about the negative societal and economic effects of methamphetamine use. The proclamation was accepted by Jada Clark, Programs Director for Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, and members of the Youth Involvement Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
City Manager Ness publicly recognized and commended Planning Manager Peggy Woods for her prior service as Acting Director of Community Development on two different occasions - when Director Kirk Lindsey was ill and following Mr. Lindsey's retirement during the recruitment process. He said this was his first chance to publicly recognize Peggy, who was sitting in for Community Development Director Appel, for the outstanding job she did.

Mayor Lavagnino asked that Police Chief Macagni report on the recent gang sweep.

Chief Macagni stated the City had been getting a lot of negative publicity related to gang activity. The West Park Street Gang had been causing a lot of problems over the last six months. The Police Department does not take this gang activity lightly. On October 23rd, in a cooperative effort with other agencies including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), 40 officers participated in a gang sweep of the West Park Gang. They targeted 57 members of the gang. There are 365 documented West Park gang members living in the City. 12 members were arrested for parole violations and other violations. ICE brought a very positive component to the sweep which the Department would continue to use. He said it was this type of cooperation that could help address the gang problem.

Councilmember Zacarías asked how many of the gang members were undocumented.

Chief Macagni explained that it was probably close to 50 percent of the members. A lot of them were juveniles.

Councilmember Zacarías asked if the undocumented juveniles were in this country without parents.

Chief Macagni replied that most of them were here with parents, in a lot of cases undocumented as well. Most of the parents did not know how to control their children. The parent project with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley has been a very effective program.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Ernest Armenta referred to Consent Agenda Item 3H, Intent to Annex Properties into the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts, and asked why the properties were being annexed now and if they had been paying the assessments.

City Manager Ness explained that properties were annexed into the respective Districts as new projects occurred. The annexation was part of the process so the properties would begin paying assessments.

Ernest Armenta talked about the Santa Maria Police Officers Association's complaints and grievances and asked them to come to the Council meeting and explain the issues to the public. He suggested the labor unions get out of politics and not endorse candidates.

Kathy Staples, Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, invited the Council to attend an Economic Conference and Business Outlook for 2010 at the Santa Maria Fairpark on November 17, 2009, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Peggy Jordan thanked the Santa Maria Police Department for doing the gang sweep. She said she had been talking to her legislators about legal protection for police departments and cities to protect them from fear of lawsuits.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Patino requested Item 3G be pulled for comment.

Item 3G – Proposition IB Transit Capital Grant
Councilmember Patino stated she wanted the public to know the City was getting $340,699 in grant funds for the new Intermodal Transit Center. The City has been so blessed getting so much money in grants thanks to the efforts of City staff.

Consent Calendar Items A through I were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 20, 2009, were approved as submitted.

C. REVISIONS TO RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE
Resolution No. 2009-143 was adopted approving revisions to the City-wide Records Retention Schedule contained in the adopted Document Management Program.

Resolution No. 2009-143 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE CITY-WIDE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 154288 to 154636 totaling $2,322,985.06 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 152877, 153773, 154121, 154341, and 154355 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. 2009 BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT
Resolution No. 2009-144 was adopted approving the appropriation of 2009 Bulletproof Vest Grant funds to the Santa Maria Police Department.

Resolution No. 2009-144 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROPRIATING THE 2009 BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

G. PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT CAPITAL GRANT

Resolution No. 2009-145 was adopted approving receipt of Proposition 1B Transit Capital Grant funding from the State of California in the amount of $340,699 for the construction of the Intermodal Transit Center.

Resolution No. 2009-145 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS.

H. INTENT TO ANNEX

Resolution No. 2009-146 was adopted expressing the Council's intent to annex La Bodeguita & Commissary, Central Coast Distributing, and Diani Companies Office Building into the Northwest Landscape and Lighting District; VTC Enterprises and Takken Building into the Southwest Landscape and Lighting District; America's Tire Store into the Northeast Landscape and Lighting District; and Santa Maria Cemetery District into the South Miller Street/South College Drive Landscape and Lighting District.

Resolution No. 2009-146 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO THE "LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972" (LA BODEQUITA & COMMISSARY, CENTRAL COAST DISTRIBUTING, DIANI COMPANIES OFFICE BUILDING, VTC ENTERPRISES, TAKKEN BUILDING, AMERICA'S TIRE STORE, AND SANTA MARIA CEMETERY DISTRICT.

I. PROPOSITION 84 GRANT

Resolution No. 2009-147 was adopted approving an application for $439,040 in Proposition 84 Grant funding administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation to be used for demolition of outdated, ineffective lighting fixtures at Simas Park Softball Field.

Resolution No. 2009-147 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

APPOINTMENT TO BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez gave the staff report. The City Council is asked to consider making one appointment to the Block Grants Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Robert Cullati who recently resigned. The nomination will be made by Councilmember Cordero. Only one application was received from Nicolette Burke.

Councilmember Cordero nominated Nicolette Burke.

On motion by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried unanimously, Nicolette Burke was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Block Grants Advisory Committee through July 2012.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, AND A BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT.

Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass gave the staff report. She highlighted the economic condition of the nation and the State of California. While the City of Santa Maria is known to be fiscally responsible, problems at the National and State level continue to impact City finances. The City continues to experience a decline in sales tax revenues, decreases in property tax values, and State raids on local revenues. The City will "loan" the State a total of $1.5 million in property tax revenues in December and April. Rather than wait for the State's repayment, plus two percent interest, the City plans to "securitize" the loan by joining with other local municipalities to see the receivable on the bond market.

With 25 percent of the year complete, revenues are at 14.1 percent of projections while expenditures are at 22.4 percent of appropriations. Total revenue and transfers are $9.1 million. Revenues are less than budgeted and $1.5 million less than the prior year.

If the decline in revenues continues for the remaining three quarters, total General Fund revenues could be reduced by as much as $6 million. Expenditures are approximately 2.6 percent less than budgeted and approximately $1 million less than the prior year. While the City adopted a balanced budget, at the end of the fiscal year there are projects, contracts and transactions that are not completed; and appropriations for those items are brought forward into the current fiscal year resulting in appropriations exceeding estimated revenues. In the Water/Wastewater Fund, expenditures exceeded revenues by $1.9 million, primarily because of the wastewater treatment plant expansion project. In the Solid Waste Fund, refuse revenues exceeded expenditures by $137,350 because capital projects, such as the landfill closure and the Las Flores Ranch project are in the beginning stages of development. A budget amendment report is included for Council's consideration.

Mayor Lavagnino stated if the City kept going the same way, the General Fund revenues could be reduced by as much as $6 million by year end, June 30, 2010.

Councilmember Orach reported that he recently attended a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Conference at which some cities were talking about disincorporating because of the economic situation.

Ernest Armenta asked what would happen if the decline in revenue continued for the remainder of the fiscal year and the City ended up with a $6 million deficit. He asked how that would affect City employees.

Director Snodgrass stated she did not know how the City would solve that problem. She said she imagined that services would need to be reduced and employees would have to take reductions. The City could not continue to provide services without the revenues to support it. Those decisions would be made by the City Manager and City Council.

Ernest Armenta asked what the City's current reserve balance was.

Director Snodgrass explained there was currently $6.9 million in the LEAF fund. There were also reserves in the General Fund that were both designated and undesignated.

Resolution No. 2009-148 was adopted approving amendments to the budget on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Zacarías, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-148 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR 2009-10 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

AMENDMENTS TO AND AN EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU), THE SANTA MARIA CITY FIRE FIGHTERS' UNION LOCAL 2020, THE SANTA MARIA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (SMPOA); WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGES FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGERS AND THE NON-REPRESENTED MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES; SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS AND RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSIONERS; AND PROVIDING CITY COUNCILMEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTARILY CONCEDE FIVE PERCENT SALARY REDUCTIONS DURING THE 2010 CALENDAR YEAR.

Assistant City Manager Haydon gave the staff report. Over the last twelve to eighteen months, the National and State economies have been hit with a severe recession. A recession that has brought about a housing market collapse, unemployment rates that

have skyrocketed, lower than normal consumer confidence, an increase in retail and commercial vacancies, and a halt to construction activities. Since virtually all of the City's major revenue sources in the General Fund are economy driven, when the economy is down, so are City revenues. Consequently, with this sobering economic news, City staff sat down with each of the represented bargaining groups, and over the last several months, worked on garnering economic concessions for calendar year 2010. During these meetings, the State and local economy was discussed as well as the direct negative fiscal impact the recession is having on City finances. All employee groups were informed that this year, because of the downturn in the State and local economy, the City was not in a position to provide any compensation increases afforded in years past. Rather, the City was seeking compensation concessions for the 2010 calendar year.

Accordingly, before the City Council, is a recommendation to approve amendments to and extensions of MOUs with each of the represented bargaining units, all calling for compensation concessions in the four to five percent range. In addition, there are two resolutions being submitted for Council's consideration calling for wage and benefit packages for the public safety managers and the non-represented management and confidential employees that also reflect four and five percent compensation concessions. And finally, there are two more recommendations calling for five percent concessions in the compensation levels of City Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners and Recreation & Parks Commissioners.

The City will be implementing a Mandatory Time Off (MTO) program. The MTO program will consist of thirteen days throughout the 2010 calendar year that City operations will be closed to the public. Mission critical operations such as public safety services are excluded. For general City operations, excluding the landfill, City offices will be closed the third Friday of every month starting in January 2010, and Veteran's Day, November 11th. The landfill will recognize thirteen different days because of the varying operational demands associated with providing essential City services at the landfill. This amounts to a five percent salary concession for most Service Employee International Union (SEIU) employees, non-shift employees represented by the Fire Fighter's Association, non-sworn personnel represented by the Santa Maria Police Officers Association, certain public safety managers, and non-represented management and confidential employees. Public Safety employees have agreed to four percent compensation concessions.

Staff is also recommending that Planning Commissioners and Recreation and Parks Commissioners have their compensation reduced by five percent, consistent with the concessions other City employees are making. Finally, a resolution is provided giving all members of the City Council an opportunity to voluntarily concede a five percent salary reduction.

Councilmember Cordero asked how many employees had been laid off during this economic downturn.

Assistant City Manager Haydon explained that the City had taken a proactive approach to not lay off one employee this last year. Nine full-time and three part-time positions were eliminated as part of the budget process; however, those positions were vacant, so no full-time employees were laid off.

Councilmember Cordero asked if other cities in the area had laid off employees.

Assistant City Manager Haydon stated there were other cities up and down the coast that had laid off employees, and no other city in the tri-county area had been able to obtain salary concessions from all full-time and part-time employees.

Councilmember Orach commended Assistant City Manager Haydon and the employee groups for doing what needed to be done to keep everyone employed.

Councilmember Zacarías thanked all the employee groups for giving up real money to make the budget work and save the jobs of their fellow coworkers. She was proud to know that Santa Maria was one of the best fiscally-managed cities.

Councilmember Patino also thanked the employee groups and City Manager Ness for recommending the City set up a reserve fund many years ago.

Mayor Lavagnino thanked all the City employees for showing such class and solidarity in sharing the pain. It shows the type of people the City has working for it. He commended his colleagues on the City Council for making the hard decisions when necessary.

Ernest Armenta talked about the prevailing wage initiative from the Santa Maria Police Officers Association and how that would impact other employees.

City Manager Ness commended the employees and especially the department heads and management employees who were the first to step up and agree to the salary reduction. He also expressed his appreciation to Assistant City Manager Haydon and his team for the monumental task of negotiating these concessions with all the employee groups.

Resolution No. 2009-149 was adopted approving amendments to and an extension of the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-149 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO AND AN EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) LOCAL 620.

Resolution No. 2009-150 was adopted approving amendments to and an extension of the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Maria City Fire Fighters' Union, Local 2020, on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-150 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO AND AN EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SANTA MARIA FIRE FIGHTERS' UNION, LOCAL 2020.

Resolution No. 2009-151 was adopted approving amendments to and an extension of the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Maria Police Officers' Association (SMPOA) on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-151 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO AND AN EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SANTA MARIA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (SMPOA).

Resolution No. 2009-152 was adopted approving a wage and benefit package for the public safety managers on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-152 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGERS.

Resolution No. 2009-153 was adopted approving a wage and benefit package for the non-represented full-time management and confidential employees on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-153 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE NON-REPRESENTED FULL-TIME MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.

Resolution No. 2009-154 was adopted setting the compensation for Planning Commissioners and Recreation and Parks Commissioners to reflect a five percent reduction on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-154 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS AND RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSIONERS.

Resolution No. 2009-155 was adopted providing City Councilmembers the opportunity to voluntarily concede five percent salary reductions during the 2010 calendar year on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2009-155 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING CITY COUNCILMEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTARILY CONCEDE FIVE PERCENT SALARY REDUCTIONS DURING THE 2010 CALENDAR YEAR.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager Ness reported on items anticipated for the November 17, 2009, City Council meeting including one public hearing for the Bikeway Master Plan, a Nipomo Intertie Project Agreement, a proposed electric fence ordinance, three traffic committee items, and award of bids for Union Valley Parkway, Phase I and II.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
Councilmember Cordero stated he was out of town for most of the last two weeks. On November 2nd, he attended the Hispanic Business Committee meeting and the Historical Society meeting.

Councilmember Patino reported that on October 22nd, she went to ACEs, an after-school program. On the 25th, she attended CASA. On the 28th, she participated in the Empty Bowls fundraiser at the Fairpark. On the 29th, she attended the COLAB dinner. On the 30th, she attended the Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley meeting, and the Historical Society meeting on November 2nd.

Mayor Lavagnino reported on October 21st, he attended the Santa Maria Public Airport District Board meeting and a photo shoot at the mall for the Holiday Push for local businesses. He attended the Central Coast Water Authority meeting on October 21st, the open house at the Radiation Oncology Center on October 24th, did a Red Ribbon Week morning announcement at Miller School on October 26th, attended meetings with Supervisor Centeno on October 28th, attended a Teen Leadership Santa Maria Valley meeting on November 2nd, and picked the winning tickets for a multi-school fundraiser on November 3rd.

Councilmember Zacarias reported that during eight of the last fourteen days she attended conferences for work and three days she was sick. She did attend the 6th Anniversary celebration for Univision.

Councilmember Orach reported he had attended a lot of the same events. He said the City has started flushing the water lines. The City gets calls about wasting water; however, it is very important for the City to flush the system. People also get annoyed with the chip seal projects; but it saves the City millions of dollars in protecting the roads.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned by Mayor Lavagnino at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED

November 17, 2009
Date

Patricia Cerbey
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST

Patricia Cerbey
Chief Deputy City Clerk

S. Lavagnino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria